

## Launch of the Offshore Energy Alliance (OEA)

- innogy champions offshore wind in North Wales and the North West of England
- Launch event of the regional cluster held to promote business opportunities

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Today saw the launch event of The Offshore Energy Alliance (OEA) which represents the North Wales and North West region's offshore supply chain cluster. Linked to the Offshore Wind Sector Deal, the aim of the cluster is to encourage and promote further collaboration between key players in the offshore sector to deliver increased benefits to local supply chain businesses within coastal communities. As cluster champion and due to its presence in the region, innogy has driven this initiative and will continue to work with OEA representatives going forward.

The first of the planned launch events was held today at Mersey Maritime's HQ in Birkenhead to coincide with the first day of National Offshore Wind Week 2019. The event brought local businesses and others together to hear about the OEA and its planned activities, with a focus on Mersey Maritime's newly announced Offshore Energy Forums. The OEA will help highlight opportunities within the offshore and energy industries and act as a vehicle of support for local businesses.

Helen Thomas, Stakeholder Manager at innogy said:

"We are delighted to be joining forces with Mersey Maritime and other key organisations across the North West and North Wales region in an effort to bring local supply chain companies together under the umbrella of the OEA. As host to around one third of the UK's current offshore wind capacity including innogy's Gwynt y Môr, the region already has a lot to offer. Today's launch event was a great success with almost 100 representatives attending to learn more about how to get involved in this growing industry."

"This cross-sector, cross-regional collaborative effort showcases the offshore wind industry's efforts to deliver on the Sector Deal commitments and proves that business knows no borders. A big thank you to all those involved and to those who joined us today."

Going forward, the OEA will be hosting regular networking events across the region.  
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